

TOPEKA'S PROUDEST PRODUCT—HER BABIES.

Here Are the Winners in the Recent "Baby Week" Contest Conducted by the Topeka Public Health Association at the Auditorium.



(1) William Eugene McConachie, Ottawa, Route 8. (2) John Atwater, Holton. (3) Lucile Nadine Bratton, 610 West First street. (4) Marjorie Beightler, 735 Topeka avenue. (5) Herbert Nelson Everett, 103 Kansas avenue. (6) Grace Irene Gilchrist, Rossville. (7) Ella Marie Alley, Topeka, Route 1. (8) Harold Walter Garnett, 159 Ohio street. (9) J. B. Price III, 414 Monroe street. (10) Twylla Opal McBroome, 809 Chandler street. (11) Mary Elizabeth Hart, 1631 West street. (12) Jack Edmer McFarland, 1905 Tyler street. (13) Esther Wells, 610 West Seventh street. (14) Buford Criswell, 1422 Madison street. (15) Helen Bernice Kempton, 631 Branner street. (16) Edith Lenora Kelley, 423 Locust street. (17) Dorothy Shillinglaw, 365 Roosevelt avenue. (18) Luvonia Veronica Oils, 425 Winfield avenue. (19) Eugene Thomas Lowe, 1143 Angelle street. (20) Eleanor Grantner, Junction City. (21) Isabell Scherman, Topeka, Route 8. (22) Genevieve Spencer, 1609 Harrison street. (23) Dale Andrew Hawkins, 516 East Third street. (24) Kenneth Marcotte Stoudt, 3 Elliott street. (25) Virginia Norma Knox, 410 Lindenwood avenue. (26) Julia Maxine Cannan, 1217 West Seventh street. (27) Paul Edward Lamb, 1508 Buchanan street.

The picture No. 4 has been named "October Moon" by E. V. King, photographer, and he intends to copyright it.

Topeka's first Better Babies week, held in the city Auditorium Oct. 5-8 inclusive resulted in a surprise. The surprise was the high percentage of high scoring babies. Two hundred and thirty babies were scored and nine were found perfect—technically perfect—scoring a full one hundred points or every point possible. The complete list of Grade A babies has not been tabulated, but twenty-seven have already been discovered in adding up the scores. The difference between a "perfect baby" from a technical standpoint, and a Grade A baby is that the latter may have a mole on its arm, or a finger nail may not be shaped exactly right, or it may have too much hair or not enough hair. All Grade A babies score at least ninety-five points or better out of a possible hundred. The Better Babies week, which was originated by W. L. Porter, city commissioner of parks, and Dr. Harold B. Wood, city physician, and which received the hearty co-operation of the Topeka Public Health Nursing association, and the state bureau of child hygiene, is to be an annual event in Topeka. The scores of all babies will be kept and at the next baby show, the scores taken then will be compared with the first scores and in this way progress can be measured. The next baby show, however, will have one unpleasant feature, not included in the first. There will be a mortuary list. One baby out of every ten in Topeka dies before it is a year old. This death rate is not as high as the average for the United States, but the purpose of the Better Babies movement is to still further reduce the death rate. Incidentally, a study of the mortuary list and a reference to the score cards, will reveal whether the doctors knew anything about which babies were most likely to live, when they scored them.

If anything is more wiggly and squirmy than a baby, it is another baby, so E. V. King, photographer, assumed a difficult job, when he offered to donate his services in photographing the perfect babies scored at the recent Better Babies show held in Topeka. That he did his work well is evidenced by the pictures. "How did you manage to catch a happy expression on every baby's face?" he was asked. "Ah, that was easy, for these are perfect babies," he explained. "It is natural for a healthy baby to be happy. I try to make things in the studio just as nearly homelike as possible. I have no bells to ring, nor do I permit any confusing sounds to be made. I have the parents stand as close to the baby as possible, and get them to feel at ease. I then hold the bulb operating the shutter of the camera and wait until I catch the baby's eye. Then I smile and the baby returns the same responsively, and the shutter snaps. A baby is more responsive to the facial expression of others than to anything else. Of course, when baby's picture is to be taken, all the aunts and uncles come along and they cause the only real difficulties. Each proud relative takes it upon himself or herself to amuse the baby. They make all sorts of noises and go through many contortions and it is no wonder that the baby becomes confused and distracted. Such antics would upset a grown person posing for a picture. They not only get on the baby's nerves, but they get on mine. The parents alone are the best aid in making the baby feel at ease." Two or three of Topeka's perfect babies are not included in the above group. While good pictures were taken of them, they were not quite good enough to suit Mr. King, so others will be taken. When this is done the pictures of all of the perfect babies will be grouped and presented to the Public Health Nursing association by Mr. King.

DOUBLE CROSSED

Topeka Was Outplayed in the Odd Fellows Convention.

Stands to Lose Head Offices and the Home.

Because Topeka was outgeneraled and her supporters misled, local Odd Fellows must fight for control of state offices at the 1916 convention in Wichita. Officers of the lodge in Topeka claim that it was the clever hand of W. L. (Ironjaw) Brown of Kingman that directed the parliamentary plays and endangered Topeka's chance of holding the state office and winning the permanent home for Kansas Odd Fellows.

At the annual convention in 1914, a resolution was adopted which provided

for an assessment to pay for a permanent office building and vaults for the records of the I. O. O. F. lodge. The resolution provided that the building should be erected in Topeka, the official home of Kansas Odd Fellows. When the convention was held in Topeka recently, Brown is said to have been responsible for several suggestions that resulted in upsetting immediate plans for a permanent home and placed Wichita in the race for the state offices. While in Topeka Brown suggested that the new building should not be erected until there was sufficient money in the treasury to do the work. The motion to postpone action until 1919 was adopted.

Then Brown and his friends started the fight to take the 1916 convention to Wichita. That town won the next meeting.

Now with the 1916 convention booked for Wichita and no town specifically mentioned in the amended resolution for permanent headquarters, it is asserted that Brown outplayed the Topeka supporters and gave Wichita the inside track. As for the resolution to postpone building, it is declared to be

a mere subterfuge to block final action in Topeka this year. At Wichita the resolution may again be called upon upon due notice and Topeka will probably find it necessary to make a fight in the 1916 convention.

CLARK & FARNUM

Photoplay Stars Win Hot Race in Screen Artist Contest.

Mary Pickford and Francis X. Bushman Strong Contenders.

Marguerite Clark and William Farnum are the popular favorites of Topeka motion picture fans. They were voted as the most attractive, the most versatile and popular of film stars in the State Journal photoplay contest. Both had hot competition from

start to finish. Among the women, it has been a nip and tuck race between Marguerite Clark and Mary Pickford. Miss Clark led by a few votes from the start until the middle of this week. On Thursday, Mary Pickford at noon was ahead by half a dozen votes. Friday, the biggest day of the entire contest, was favorable to Marguerite Clark. Anita Stewart made a strong finish and landed in third place, passing Blanche Sweet. There were about 30 other actresses who received less than 100 votes.

William Farnum had his hands full in defeating Francis X. Bushman for first place honors, finally winning by a plurality of 23 votes. Owen Moore, Charlie Chaplin and Jack Kerrigan ran nearly even. Eighteen other stars obtained less than 100 votes.

The contest closed Friday. A number of votes received today were not counted, but they would not have effected the final result.

The leaders:

Name	Votes
Marguerite Clark	1,567
Mary Pickford	1,456

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Anita Stewart	305
Blanche Sweet	295
Beverly Bayne	245
Pauline Frederick	309
Kathlyn Williams	176
Mary Fuller	145
Clara Kimball Young	144

Actors.

Name	Votes
William Farnum	1,976
Francis X. Bushman	1,953
Owen Moore	875
Charlie Chaplin	835
Jack Kerrigan	804
John Barrymore	345
Robert Edeson	145
Earle Williams	104

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